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2. [ ]'s doctor has recently advised him repeatedly to slow down because of a number of health problems including diabetes, circulation difficulties and arterial problems.

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[ ] had ignored the doctor's advice, and the doctor then took it up with [ ]. This may have had some effect. At a [ ] party on 13 February, [ ] was observed drinking much less wine than usual.

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3. John Clarke advises on the q.t. that the Agency now stands at 18 under the year-end ceiling. The year-end ceiling given the Agency was [ ]. Of these, a total of [ ] was allocated to Agency components. Thus, in the components' view, we still look to be over ceiling.

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4. You have probably noticed this in the press, but John Warner points out that the House on 18 February passed a bill to simplify and bring up to date various laws pertaining to dual compensation. Included is a provision which repeals a section of the CIA Act of 1949 which permits the Agency to employ up to 15 retired military officers despite general provisions prohibiting such employment. The Bill will permit such employment in the future by any Agency. The individual will be able to receive whatever the pay of the position in the civilian agency, and in addition, will be able to retain the first \$2,000 of his retired pay plus one-half of the remainder, if any. John says it looks as though the Senate will react with favor.

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5. General O'Meara has reported to JCS on the current situation in Panama. His conclusions are "that as things now stand in the Republic of Panama, time will not remain on the side of United States objectives; it will shift to the side of the Communist revolutionaries", and "that the time required to build an organization which will permit a coup by a Communist infiltrated and controlled group is shorter than previously assumed."

O'Meara recommends that an NIE be done on Panama as a matter of priority. JCS has the action.

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